

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**WATER DISTRIBUTION OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

**Units and Conversion Factors**

1 cubic foot of water weighs 62.3832 lb  
 1 gallon of water weighs 8.34 lb  
 1 liter of water weighs 1,000 gm  
 1 mg/L = 1 part per million (ppm)  
 1 ug/L = 1 part per billion (ppb)  
 1 mile = 5,280 feet (ft)  
 1 yd = 3 feet  
 1 yd<sup>3</sup> = 27ft<sup>3</sup>  
 1 acre (a) = 43,560 square feet (ft<sup>2</sup>)  
 1 acre foot = 325,829 gallons  
 1 cubic foot (ft<sup>3</sup>) = 7.48 gallons (gal)  
 1 gal = 3.785 liters (L)  
 1 L = 1,000 milliliters (ml)  
 1 pound (lb) = 454 grams (gm)  
 1 lb = 7,000 grains (gr)  
 1 grain per gallon (gpg) = 17.1 mg/L  
 1 gm = 1,000 milligrams (mg)  
 1 gm = 1,000,000 micrograms (ug)

**CHLORINATION**

**Dosage, mg/l** = (Demand, mg/l) + (Residual, mg/l)

**(Gas) lbs/day** = (Vol, MG) x (Dosage, mg/l) x (8.34 lbs/gal)

**HTH Solid (lbs/day)** =  

$$\frac{(\text{Vol, MG}) \times (\text{Dosage, mg/l}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs/gal})}{(\% \text{ Strength})}$$

**Liquid (gal/day)** =  

$$\frac{(\text{Vol, MG}) \times (\text{Dosage, mg/l}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs/gal})}{(\% \text{ Strength}) \times (\text{Specific Gravity} \times 8.34)}$$

**PRESSURE**

**PSI** =  $\frac{(\text{Head, ft.})}{2.31 \text{ ft/psi}}$       **PSI** = Head, ft. x 0.433 PSI/ft.

**lbs Force** = (0.785) (D, ft.)<sup>2</sup> x 144 in<sup>2</sup>/ft<sup>2</sup> PSI.

**VOLUME**

**Rectangular Basin** =  
**Volume, gal**  
 (Length, ft) x (Width, ft) x (Height, ft) x 7.48 gal/cu.ft.

**Cylinder, Volume, gal** =  
 (0.785) x (Dia, ft)<sup>2</sup> x (Height, Length, or Depth, in ft.) x 7.48 gal/ft<sup>3</sup>

**Time, Hrs.** =  $\frac{\text{Volume, gallons}}{(\text{Pumping Rate, GPM} \times 60 \text{ Min/Hr})}$

**Supply, Hrs.** =  $\frac{\text{Storage Volume, Gals}}{(\text{Flow In, GPM} - \text{Flow Out, GPM}) \times 60 \text{ min/hr.}}$

**SOLUTIONS**

**Lbs/Gal** =  $\frac{(\text{Solution } \%) \times 8.34 \text{ lbs/gal} \times \text{Specific Gravity}}{100}$

**Lbs Chemical** =  
 Specific Gravity x 8.34 lbs/gallons x Solution(gal)

**Specific Gravity** =  $\frac{\text{Chemical Wt. (lbs/gal)}}{8.34 \text{ (lbs/gal)}}$

**% of Chemical in Solution** =  $\frac{(\text{Dry Chemical, Lbs})}{(\text{Dry Wt. Chemical, Lbs}) + (\text{Water, Lbs})} \times 100$

**GPD** =  $\frac{(\text{Vol, MG}) \times (\text{Conc., mg/l}) \times (8.34 \text{ lb/gal})}{(\% \text{ Strength}) \times \text{Chemical Wt. (lbs/gal)}}$

**GPD** =  $\frac{(\text{Feed, ml/min.} \times 1,440 \text{ min/day})}{(1,000 \text{ ml/L} \times 3.785 \text{ L/Gal})}$

**Two – Normal Equations:**

a)  $C_1 V_1 = C_2 V_2$        $\frac{Q_1}{V_1} = \frac{Q_2}{V_2}$

b)  $C_1 V_1 + C_2 V_2 = C_3 V_3$

C = Concentration,    V = Volume,    Q = Flow

**PUMPING**

1 horsepower (Hp) = 746 watts = 0.746 kw = 3,960 gal/min/ft

**Water Hp** =  $\frac{(\text{GPM}) \times (\text{Total Head, ft})}{(3,960 \text{ gal/min/ft})}$

**Brake Hp** =  $\frac{(\text{GPM}) \times (\text{Total Head, ft})}{(3,960) \times (\text{Pump } \% \text{ Efficiency})}$

**Motor Hp** =  $\frac{(\text{GPM}) \times (\text{Total Head, ft})}{(3,960) \times \text{Pump } \% \text{ Eff.} \times \text{Motor } \% \text{ Eff.}}$

**“Wire to Water” Efficiency**  
 = (Motor, % Efficiency x Pump % Efficiency)

**Cost, \$** =  
 (Hp) x (0.746 Kw/Hp) x (Operating Hrs.) x cents/Kw-Hr

**Flow, velocity, area**

Q = A x V      Quantity = Area x Velocity

Flow (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec) = Area(ft<sup>2</sup>) x Velocity (ft/sec)

**General**

**(\$ ) Cost / day** = Lbs/day x (\$ ) Cost/lb

**Removal, Percent** =  $\frac{(\text{In} - \text{Out})}{\text{In}} \times 100$

**Specific Capacity, GPM/ft.** =  $\frac{\text{Well Yield, GPM}}{\text{Drawdown, ft.}}$

**Gals/Day** = (Population) x (Gals/Capita/Day)

**GPD** =  $\frac{(\text{Meter Read 2} - \text{Meter Read 1})}{(\text{Number of Days})}$

**Volume, Gals** = GPM x Time, minutes

**SCADA** = 4 mA to 20 mA analog signal

$\frac{(\text{live signal mA} - 4 \text{ mA off set}) \times \text{process unit and range}}{(16 \text{ mA span})}$

4 mA = 0      20 mA full -range